

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
AND THE
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
AND THE
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE
VETERINARY SERVICES

ADDENDUM

The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD), Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for maintaining bovine tuberculosis (TB) zones in Michigan on April 4, 2011.

All parties agree to amend ARTICLE 5 – COOPERATOR RESPONSIBILITIES sections 2., 5., and 7. of the MOU as follows:

ARTICLE 5 – COOPERATOR RESPONSIBILITIES

2. Due to delays in completing changes in the USAHerds database and MIM software used during bovine tuberculosis testing and data transmission and to allow for distribution of supplemental identification to producers implementation of this section of the MOU will begin January 2, 2012.

The MOU is amended to add the following paragraph to this section:

This requirement will become effective January 2, 2012. In preparation MDARD will begin issuing supplemental identification tags to MAZ producers and identifying cattle during whole herd surveillance testing beginning September 6, 2011.

5. The Mackinac Bridge Inspection Station has been in place between the Upper and Lower Peninsula of Michigan since 2007. Monitoring at this location has demonstrated that 86% of cattle entering the inspection station are for slaughter purposes, and that there has been a 99.7% compliance rate with program requirements. Additionally, this border has changed from MAZ/TB Free to MAAZ/TB Free with advances in zonal status. State and Federal funding for bovine tuberculosis eradication have been reduced, requiring that TB resources be focused on high-risk activities. As data from the inspection station demonstrates a low percentage of cattle moving for purposes other than slaughter, and a very high compliance rate with program requirements, MDARD will be discontinuing the operation of the Mackinac Bridge Inspection Station as of September 9, 2011.

The MOU is amended to add the following paragraph to this section:

Activities at the Mackinac Bridge Inspection Station will be discontinued as of September 9, 2011. MDARD will maintain an agreement with the Mackinac County Sheriff Department through Fiscal Year 2012 to conduct at least 20 hours per week of mobile patrol in the vicinity of the previous inspection station for the purposes of enforcing TB program requirements.

7. MDARD includes reporting of certain activities in the VS 6-38 Form narratives as indicated in this section of the MOU. This includes reporting of activities at the Mackinac Bridge Inspection Station. The Inspection Station will be discontinued as of September 9, 2011.

The MOU is amended to replace section 7 with the following:

Summary reports of investigations, and vehicle inspections on public roads, will be included in the required bovine tuberculosis reports (VS 6-38 Form narratives).

These amendments are to be effective immediately upon signature.

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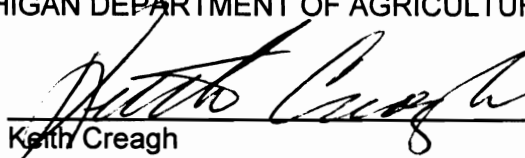


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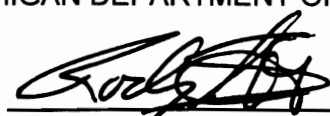


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